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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on February 5, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 150, 2/2/2015; SB 230, 2/2/2015; SB 247, 2/2/2015

Executive Action: HB 144: Be Concurred In
HB 199: TABLE
SB 230: Do Pass

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 144

00:01:58 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 144 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:02:29 Chair Brenden

00:02:36 Sen. Vuckovich left the hearing.

00:02:40 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:03:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Vuckovich voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused. Sen. Hinkle will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 199

00:03:46 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 199 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:03:53 Sen. Fielder

00:04:12 Sen. Ripley entered the hearing.

00:04:39 Sen. Vincent

00:05:00 Chair Brenden

00:05:04 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:05:35 Sen. Vincent

00:06:13 Sen. Fielder

00:07:07 Sen. Hinkle

00:08:13 Chair Brenden

00:08:17 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Vuckovich voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:09:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 199 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

HEARING ON HB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:37 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 150, Generally revise fish, wildlife, and parks, laws related to penalties.

Sen. Phillips and Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:06 Jim Kropp, chief of law enforcement, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
(FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis26a01\)](#)

00:22:22 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:23:27 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)

00:24:41 Darrell Harris, Prickly Pear Sportsman Association (PPSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis26a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis26a03\)](#)

Sen. Vuckovich entered the hearing.

00:28:37 Jeff Herbert, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:31 Carl Garcia, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:48 Sen. Fielder
00:33:37 Rep. Flynn
00:34:11 Mr. Kropp, FWP
00:34:51 Sen. Ripley
00:35:23 Mr. Harris, PPSA
00:35:40 Sen. Vincent
00:39:12 Rep. Flynn
00:39:24 Mr. Kropp
00:40:28 Sen. Vincent
00:41:36 Mr. Kropp
00:41:41 Chair Brenden
00:42:21 Mr. Kropp
00:42:57 Chair Brenden
00:43:14 Sen. Phillips
00:43:54 Rep. Flynn
00:45:28 Sen. Phillips
00:46:49 Mr. Kropp
00:47:54 Sen. Fielder
00:48:56 Mr. Kropp
00:49:29 Sen. Fielder
00:49:48 Sen. Ripley
00:50:18 Mr. Garcia, self
00:50:39 Sen. Ripley
00:50:52 Sen. Hinkle

00:52:16 Mr. Garcia
00:53:21 Sen. Hamlett
00:53:45 Mr. Herbert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:55 Rep. Flynn

HEARING ON SB 230

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:32 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 230, Public scoping process for FWP land acquisitions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:50 Paul Sihler, chief of operations, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis26a04\)](#)

01:01:04 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:01:39 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
01:02:01 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsman Club (ASC)
01:02:30 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)
01:03:02 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
01:03:30 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:54 Sen. Fielder
01:04:28 Sen. Vincent
01:04:53 Sen. Facey
01:05:13 Mr. Sihler, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:31 Sen. Vincent

Chairman Brenden turned the responsibilities of the chair to Vice Chair Ripley.

HEARING ON SB 247

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:52 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 247, Prohibit sage grouse hunting in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:23 Dave Galt, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
 01:10:26 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
 01:10:55 Cary Hegreberg, executive director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

EXHIBIT(fis26a05)

01:15:41 Mark Lambrecht, executive director, Treasure State Resource Industry
 Association (TSRIA)
 01:17:14 John Rabenberg, self
 01:17:59 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
 01:18:58 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 01:19:31 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:20:27 Jeff Herbert, self
 01:24:07 Ben Tiller, self
 01:26:41 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

EXHIBIT(fis26a06)

01:28:30 Chris Marchion, Anconda Sportsman Club (ASC)
 01:29:46 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)

EXHIBIT(fis26a07)

01:30:36 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
 01:32:50 Jeff Hagener, executive director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis26a08)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:51 Sen. Phillips
 01:35:23 Mr. Hagener, FWP
 01:36:14 Sen. Vincent
 01:37:38 Mr. Hagener
 01:37:53 Sen. Fielder
 01:38:13 Mr. Lambrecht, TSRIA
 01:38:29 Sen. Fielder
 01:40:53 Mr. Galt, MPA
 01:41:12 Sen. Hinkle
 01:45:18 Mr. Hagener
 01:45:35 Sen. Vuckovich
 01:46:40 Mr. Hagener
 01:47:58 Sen. Vincent
 01:51:27 Mr. Hagener
 01:52:05 Sen. Phillips
 01:52:19 Sen. Hinkle
 01:53:08 Mr. Hagener

01:54:18 Vice Chair Ripley
01:54:26 Sen. Smith left the hearing.
01:55:51 Mr. Hagener

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:11 Sen. Brenden

Chairman Brenden resumed the role as chair.

Committee Business

02:04:34 Chair Brenden
02:04:40 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:05:05 Chair Brenden
02:05:17 Sen. Vincent
02:05:23 Chair Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 230

02:05:39 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 230 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:05:56 Sen. Facey

02:06:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

Discussion:

02:06:29 Sen. Facey
02:06:45 Chair Brenden

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis26aad.pdf](#))